

FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GOALS REPORT

GOAL #1

Prepare a budget that:

- Provides needed services with available revenues – no property tax increase
- Addresses short term needs
- Plans for long term growth
- Maintains two months of operating expense

How did we do?

**7th consecutive
Year with
NO property
Tax increase**

**5th Lowest of 27
Urban Counties**

\$.53



← Scotland **\$1.0300** highest

**26th Lowest of all
100 Counties**

← Macon **\$.2790** lowest

How did we do?



Added EMS crew as well as purchased three replacement ambulances to ensure response time continues to be well below the Board of Commissioners' goal of 8 minutes.



Added five new road patrol deputies to improve officer safety, address increasing call volume, and provide the ability to conduct community meetings and residential/church checks.



Added detention officers to address overcrowding at the Detention Facility.



Maintained just below three months of operating expense, exceeding the FY 2013/2014 goal of two months of operating expense.

GOAL #2

Partner with the private sector, support a coordinated effort to create jobs and property tax base by investing in:

- **infrastructure**
- **development of quality of place**
- **educational opportunities**



STRATEGIES

- **Develop/market multi-jurisdictional park**
- **Advocate for widening/completion of Highway 16**
- **Ensure County regulations support orderly growth and business development**
- **Support education, EDC, CVCC, Convention & Visitor Bureau, and Chamber**
- **Partner with private sector & municipalities to increase small and/or entrepreneurial businesses**
- **Partner with private & public sectors to implement recommendations from Southern Growth Policy Board Study**

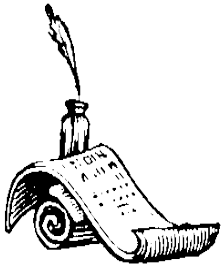
How did we do?



Extended Old Shelby Road Water line – improving the quality of life by bringing water to 131 people in 63 households.



Adopted a resolution in support of the completion of the Hwy 16 widening project and maintaining the project funding.



Defined solar farms, set specific standards that protect community's aesthetics while preserving property owners' rights to use their property as they deem fit.



Partnered with the City of Claremont and EDC Committee of 100 in development of a shell manufacturing building.



Ground breaking March 2014

How did we do?



Entered into an Economic Development Agreement with HSM Solutions and the State for expansion of several HSM facilities in the County – creating 162 new jobs & a target investment of \$3.3 million in the facilities and equipment.



Entered into an Economic Development Agreement with GKN Driveline and OHM Holdings for expansion of existing industry – creating 278 new jobs and ensuring their continued domicile in the County – with guarantees of \$130 million in investment construction and personal property.



Continued support of the Chamber's Edison Project – recognizing creativity & entrepreneurial spirit. In the upcoming budget, adopted in June 2014, the Board allocated \$\$ for Innovate Catawba, supporting the initiative to keep young people in Catawba County and ensuring the community has jobs for them.

How did we do?



Enhancing the quality of life of the Sherrills Ford/Terrell community, the Board awarded the bid for construction of the new LEED Certified Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library – opened in September 2014.



Awarded the bid for the Justice Center/Public Safety Expansion Project – will provide much needed space for court services, 911 Communications and an Emergency Operations Center.



The new Animal Shelter opened in June 2014, in partnership with the Humane Society, which is responsible for marketing, adoption, and rescue of animals, as well as medical care, feeding and watering. The County will continue providing animal control, intake and quarantine areas.



How did we do?



By changing boundary lines for several Fire Protection Districts and appropriating existing fund balance for the Catawba Volunteer Fire Department for a future substation, fire insurance ratings improved, reducing fire insurance premiums for homeowners.



Entered into an inter-local agreement with the City of Claremont for a water line extension for fire suppression purposes to preserve one of the County's historical assets, the Bunker Hill Cover Bridge

GOAL #3

Review recommendations of the Food and Farm Sustainability Committee and work to implement strategies consistent with the County's area of responsibilities.

How did we do?



Public Health's Farmers Market continues for a second year – with a goal, in partnership with the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program, to improve individual and community health by increasing access to fresh fruits and vegetables.



Successful Eat, Drink & Be Local Event – included farm tours, gardening and cooking classes, local foods feast, local beer and wine tasting, and local restaurants featuring local foods.



In March 2014, the Board adopted an ordinance to ensure the County's definition of a bona fide farm was consistent with NC General Statutes – local farmers were in favor of this amendment.



PARTNERSHIPS

Support a coordinated effort to create jobs and property tax base by investing in infrastructure, development of quality of place, educational opportunities



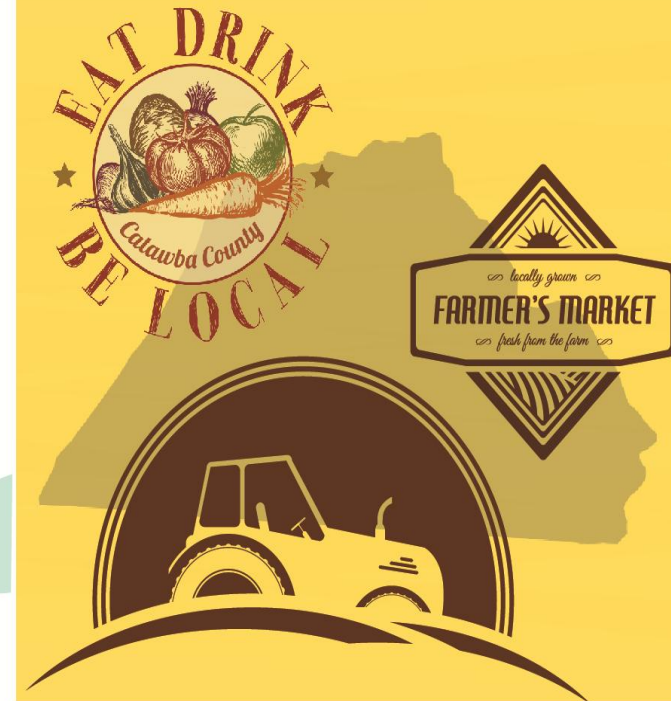
FOOD AND FARM SUSTAINABILITY

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2013 2014 GOALS



PREPARE A BUDGET

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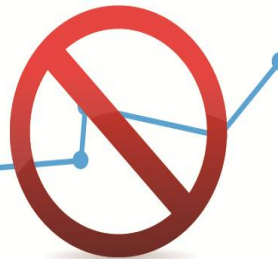


Opened this Year!

ANIMAL SHELTER
LEED CERTIFIED



SHERRILLS FORD-TERRELL LIBRARY
LEED CERTIFIED



7 years of
NO Property Tax
Rate Increase

Maintains more than
2 months of operating expenses

